



Royalton MN Lions

16th Annual Catch and Release Bass Tournament

- Date: Saturday, August 17th, 2024
- Time: 7:00am to 3:00pm
- Check-In: 6:00am
- Location: Mississippi River Blanchard Dam
(The landing is located on the East Side of the Mississippi River at Blanchard Dam)
- Boundaries: Blanchard Dam to Little Falls Dam
- Entry Fee: \$150 per boat (must be 2 people per boat)
- Entry Date: Entry Fee must be in by August 10th, 2024
- Max Entries: There is a 50 boat maximum for this event

Prizes

First Place:	\$1500	Sixth Place:	\$350
Second Place:	\$1000	Seventh Place:	\$300
Third Place:	\$600	Eighth Place:	\$250
Fourth Place:	\$500	Ninth Place:	\$200
Fifth Place:	\$400	Tenth Place:	Free Entry for Next Year

Prizes are based on a **50 boat participation. If there are fewer boats, the prize money will be awarded accordingly.*

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Rules & Regulations for Royalton Lions 2024 Bass Tournament

I. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Contestants must enter as two-person teams. Any person under 16 years old must be teamed with their parent or legal guardian. Each entrant must have in his or her possession a valid fishing License from the State of Minnesota.
- B. The Lions Club Tournament Officials, Sponsors or any person responsible for tournament operations and their Corporations, Companies, agencies and agents are not to be held responsible for death, injury, damage, theft, fire or any loss. Entrants shall sign a waiver as part of their registration.
- C. All tournament watercraft and trailers will be inspected in and out before launching into and upon leaving the waters for the presence of Eurasian watermilfoil, other plant species and other exotics including zebra mussels. All bilges and live wells must be drained, and boats and trailers made free of all vegetative matter and exotic species. Vegetation matter and exotic species must be disposed of at locations where they cannot enter any public water. Tournament weigh-in slips must be validated before being allowed to leave in the flight.
- D. A drawing will be held on July 1, 2024 for registrations received through that date. Boat placement will be randomly drawn at that time. Registrations received after July 1, 2024 will be placed in the order in which they are received. The tournament field will be a timed release by boat number. Staging areas will be assigned at check-in. Boats will be released by number. Official times will be announced during pre-flight inspections.
- E. Contestants who return later than the assigned flight times or who leave at an earlier flight time will be disqualified. No exceptions and no excuses.

II. SAFETY

- A. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations as well as those of the State of Minnesota. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times.
- B. Each entrant will be required to have a U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation device (PFD). It must be worn and fastened when the engine is operating above trolling speed. No alcoholic beverages are allowed during tournament hours. Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament hours will not be tolerated and shall be cause for disqualification.
- C. Contestants may not leave their boats during tournament hours, except in the event of sickness, brief excursions for "nature calling", severe storm or other such hazard. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, both members shall bear full responsibility for notifying a tournament official. In case of a breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat while the other partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat. Breaking any state or federal law will be grounds for disqualification.

III. TACKLE AND FISHING METHODS (Landing nets allowed)

- A. Artificial Lures Only. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line. No snagging. All fishing must be done from a tournament inspected boat.
- B. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of one line in the water at any time. Spare rods and equipment may be carried in the boat.
- C. CB or marine radios are allowed for emergency use only. Transmitting information on a radio concerning any aspect of the taking of fish during the tournament is prohibited.
- D. Only live and/or apparently fresh fish will qualify for tournament weigh-in. Judgement by the officials is final. All fish weighted must be kept and carried in aerated live wells or aerated cooler system. The use of fish stringers, wire baskets, boat bags or other means of keeping fish is prohibited.
- E. All culling must be done on the water; no team may have more than the tournament limit in the live well at any time during the tournament. Fish released by individual anglers must be capable of holding themselves in the water and have a high probability of survival.
- F. Only Small and Large Mouth Bass will be allowed in possession.
- G. No fishing spot can be held by a competitor or other angler for a competitor.

IV. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS

- A. Fishing will be permitted on the Mississippi River from the Blanchard Dam north to the Little Falls Dam.
- B. Blanchard Dam Landing will serve as tournament headquarters.
- C. The Swan River will be closed as tournament water.
- D. Tournament sponsored boats are prohibited from entering stands of Eurasian watermilfoil marked with yellow buoys.
- E. The waters from the mouth of the Swan River, north to Little Falls begin to shallow rapidly. Proceed with caution and at your own risk.

V. FISHING HOURS

- A. Tournament hours will be from 7:00am to 3:00pm on August 17, 2024.
- B. Boats must be available for pre-start inspection as shown on weigh-in slip.

VI. SCORING (12" minimum fish length)

- A. The team weight will be the total weight of a maximum of Five (5) fish per boat. Small/Large Mouth Bass only will count. Weigh-in will be on a first come first serve basis. Once fish have been presented to a tournament official to be weighed in, all fish become the property of the Royalton Lions and no additional fish may be brought to the scales. Bags will be limited in order to avoid bottleneck at the weigh-in tanks. Teams not weighing any fish are still required to check in with tournament officials in order to account for all teams.
- B. Any fish mauled, mashed, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids containing foreign matter to add weight or showing extreme loss of gill color may result in a disqualification at the discretion of the tournament director or weigh-in official. C. Winning teams will be determined by total team weight for the day of fishing. In the event of a tie, the purse for the two places will be added and each team will receive 50% of this amount.
- D. This tournament is a Catch & Release Tournament. Any fish brought in deemed not returnable will be penalized eight ounces (1/2 pound) per dead fish.
- E. Fish under 12" will be penalized eight ounces (1/2 pound) and will not weigh.

VII. PROTESTS

- A. Tournament Committee, or any contestant, has a right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing with the Tournament Director no later than one hour after the close of the tournament fishing hours. A three (3) man protest committee shall be appointed by the Tournament Committee prior to the tournament and will convene to hear both sides of any protest. The decision of the protest committee shall be final in all cases. A \$50 protest fee must accompany each written protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is found valid. If the protest is valid, disqualified party must pay the investigative costs. If the protest is invalid, the fee will not be returned.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. All questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament directors. All decisions of the tournament director shall be final.
- B. Contestants are not permitted to fish within (60) feet of another competitor's boat at any time. In the interest of good sportsmanship, competitors will not crowd or impede each other. No two (2) contestant's boats may pull up to each other during tournament hours.
- C. Patrol and safety boats may pull up and inspect contestants at any time. Anyone found cheating will be immediately disqualified and the reasons for that disqualification announced at the weigh-in.
- D. All teams are subject to polygraph test and/or voice stress tests prior to distribution of awards. Determination of polygraph and/or voice stress tests are final and binding for all parties.
- E. Disqualification for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.
- F. All rules have "loopholes". It is the intention of the sponsors to provide an honest sportsman like tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgement cases.

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Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Phone _____ Phone _____

Entrants whose signatures appear below acknowledge that they are legal age or that their parents have co-signed with them, acknowledge that they have read the rules and regulations for the tournament and agree to abide by them, and agree that as lawful consideration for their participate in the Royalton Lions Fishing Tournament will hold officials and sponsors from any liability for negligent conduct. The undersigned further agree that this waiver of liability shall be binding upon their spouses, heirs, and assigns. This waiver does not apply to damage caused by willful or intentional misconduct.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Detach and mail along with entry fee of \$150.00 to:
Royalton Lions Bass Tournament 18483 Nature Rd, Royalton, MN 56373 (C/O Steve Chisholm)